

# **STATEMENT**

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Catatan:

Daftar VIP:

1	Bangladesh	Minister, HE Dr. A.K Abdul Momen
2	Nigeria	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Zubairu Dada
3	Pakistan	Minister of State, Ms. Hina Rabbani Khar (virtual)
4	Turki	Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu (virtual)
5	Iran	Commissioner, HE Sayed Jalaledin Alavi Sabzevari
6	Mesir	Commissioner, Amb Hisham Seifeldin (tbc)
7	Malaysia	Deputy Secretary General for Multilateral Cooperation, HE Dato Chiang Loon Lai

Excellency Dr. Abdul Momen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of Bangladesh,

Excellency Ministers of D-8 Member States,

Excellency Isiaka Abdulqadir Imam, Secretary-General of D-8,

Distinguished delegates,

Assalaamu'alaikum warrahmatullaahi wabarakatuh,

1. Allow me to convey the **warmest regard** from Her Excellency Retno Marsudi, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.
2. She is unfortunately unable to be here due to **conflicting agenda** and sends her best wishes for the success of our meeting.
3. I would like to extend Indonesia's highest appreciation...
  - ➔ to Bangladesh for the **chairmanship of the organization**,
  - ➔ to the Secretary-General and team... for their dedication in **fostering our cooperation, amidst in the challenging situation**,

➔ and to the **Commissioners...** for their hard work in **reviewing past collaboration**, and in **the planning of the future ones**.

Excellencies,

4. The **25th Anniversary of D-8** coincides with a time of great upheaval.

➔ The recent global situation has complicated our **recovery efforts**.

➔ We have also seen the spirit of **multilateralism** gradually **diminish**.

5. It is thus essential for D-8 to demonstrate that **peace and prosperity** can only be achieved through **dialogue and cooperation**.

Excellencies,

6. I have **three pertinent suggestions** for our organization.

7. **First**. We must strengthen our **commitment to deliver**.

8. The global situation has indeed **affected any of us**.

➔ Yet, it is also an opportunity for D-8 to **be part of solutions**.

9. We need to **foster unity and consensus**, as the basis of our collaboration.

10. New initiatives, including the proposal for enlargement, must **benefit our organization** and is conducted upon **the agreed mechanism**.

11. We must also **set priorities** and be more prudent with **our resources**.
12. **Second**. We need to focus on **addressing immediate challenges**.
13. Global **food price** has soared by nearly 30 per cent, while **energy price** has risen to almost 50 per cent.
14. Under the Bangladeshi chairmanship, our Leaders adopted **Decennial Road Map 2020-2030**. Many of its elements can actually **help us** cope with the current challenges.
15. **Collaborative research on agriculture**, for example, can assist us in **increasing** productivity and **decreasing** our dependence on imports.
16. Our **health cooperation** should facilitate greater collaboration on research and development of **vaccine and essential medicines**.
17. **And lastly**. We must **prepare** ourselves for the future. The Road Map also outlines **strategic collaboration that will benefit us in the long term**.
18. **Technology collaboration** should help us transitioning to **renewable energy**...  
  
➔ And help us building **stronger capacity** for responding to the future pandemic.
19. Our industries, and small and medium enterprises must be geared up for **digital transformation**.

20. And we need to further develop our **halal industries**. To tap into the potential of the 1.8 billion Muslim worldwide.

To conclude Excellencies,

21. It has been projected that all of us will be among **the 25 largest economies** in 2050. But we must **unleash our full potential** to make it happen.
22. As this year President of G20, Indonesia has prioritized efforts to **accelerate our recovery**, and to help all of us **emerge stronger**.
23. We stand ready to **collaborate with fellow D-8 members**... on the fields that will determine the success of our national development – **health, digital economies, and renewable energy**.

Thank you.

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